(b) if so, whether it is proposed to create latest technology infrastructure for sea foods;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Although the extent of post harvest wastage/losses are largely dependent upon the quality of infrastructure support and sophistication in craft and gear, no estimation of wastage/losses due to poor logistics support is available. The Ministry of Food Processing industries with a view to make available infrastructural facilities to processing units, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc The Ministry also provides financial assistance for setting up of cold storages for non-horticulture produce including fish/seafood @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs. Assistance is also available under schemes operated by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Marine Products Export Development Authority etc.

Food parks in Karnataka

2477. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) by when the proposed food parks will be established across the State of Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 2% of country's agricultural production is diverted for processing; and

(c) whether Government are aware that Karnataka is capable of Rs. 10,000 crores worth of food crops but constantly falling short of this target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with a view to make available infrastructural facilities to processing units, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The Ministry has approved financial assistance for three Food Parks in Karnataka. The Ministry does not set up Food Parks on its own. This Ministry does not set targets for food crops. The utilization of fruits and vegetables for processing is estimated to be around 2% of the total production.

Infertility clinics in the country

2478. SHRI VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there are many infertility clinics in the country, as on today;

(b) if so, the details including the number of such clinics under Government and private sector as on today, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether there is any legislation/guidelines for practice of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) 0, as on today;

(d) if so, the details thereof,

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of steps taken or to be taken to set up an independent body through legislation for accreditation, regulation and supervision of infertility clinics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): An approximate estimate of the number of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics State-wise is given in Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Government has approved the 'National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and Regulation of ART Clinics in India', prepared by Indian Council of Medical Research in collaboration with National Academy of Medical Sciences. The Guidelines has further been circulated to all the State/UT Governments for taking action to regulate and supervise ART Clinics. As all the ART Clinics have the potential of